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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

PROPOSED FRENCH EXPORT OF A RADIO SPECTRUM ANALYZER TO THE U.S.S.R.

28th July 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 4056 and 4094.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that during the last discussion on this question (COCOM Document 4094) the Committee had agreed to hear ^{what} day the views of the United States and German Delegations on the proposal submitted by the French Delegation in COCOM Document 4056. He invited these Delegations to make known their Governments' replies.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that his authorities had carefully examined the French proposal and the additional technical information supplied by the French Delegation. This study had resulted in instructions to the United States Delegate to object to the proposed export. The conclusion of the United States authorities was based upon the likely use to which the analyzer would be put and the possible risk of exporting useful technology. This type of analyzer was used almost exclusively for military purposes. Its capabilities were substantially superior to those used in civilian television. Moreover, it was of a type, range and sensitivity far more elaborate than was needed for ordinary instruction in the fundamentals of radio or physics. If it were in fact destined for school use, the institution must be engaged in highly advanced work in radar or other strategic research. Alternatively, this analyzer could be intended to serve as a prototype for developing other similar strategic instruments.
3. The GERMAN Delegate stated that, as the radio spectrum analyzer in question could be put to military use, his authorities would prefer that it should not be exported to the U.S.S.R.
4. The FRENCH Delegate noted that, while his Government's proposal had been approved by the majority of delegations, it had not secured unanimous agreement. He undertook to inform the French authorities and reserved the right to return to this question should the latter deem it necessary.

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